Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Surry County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October ##, 2016 to November ##, 2016

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater, issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT: The Town of Surry, VA; P.O. Box 314, Surry, VA 23883; VPDES Permit No. VA0061646. FACILITY: Town of Surry Wastewater Treatment Facility; 11463 Rolfe Highway, Surry, VA 23883. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Surry has applied for reissuance of a permit for the Town of Surry Wastewater Treatment Facility. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 99,000 gallons per day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be disposed by landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewater into a tributary of the Dark Swamp in Surry County, VA in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: nutrients, organic matter, and solids. This facility is subject to the requirements of 9 VAC 25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia. The permittee has elected to offset its future nutrient loads through a plan submitted to, and approved by, the Department that involves the installation of nutrient removal technology. The inspection and verification of this offset will be carried out pursuant to this individual VPDES permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing hand-delivery, by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Mr. Adam Eller; Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glenn Allen, Virginia, 23060; Phone: 804-527-5046; E-mail: adam.eller@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-527-5106. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.